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1.   YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A) IS VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED, HOWEVER, SOME MATTERS COVERED IN REFTEL (B)
REQUIRE FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

2.   YOUR ANSWER TO PARA 6 OF REFTEL (A): WE NOTE THAT
EXPENDITURES FOR STAFF AND SERVICES INCLUDE SALARIES,
TRAVEL, RENT, SUPPLIES, COMMUNICATIONS, LOCAL HELP AND
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., FOR ICEM PERSONNEL AND EXPENSES
CONNECTED WITH THE INDOCHINESE PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THIS TO
BE PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE COST. HOWEVER, IN THE ABSENCE OF
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW AN
ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF 435,000 DOLLARS FOR -OVERHEAD EXPENSES"
CAN BE ALSO CONSIDERED AS PART OF INFRASTRUCTURE COST
REQUIRED TO EXECUTE THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE PROVIDE BREAKDOWN
OF THIS EXPENSE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR CHARGING TO INDOCHINA
PROGRAM IN VIEW OF ICEM SALARIES AND OTHER EXPENSES ALREADY
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3. PARA 6, D, OF REFTEL A: IT WAS NOT OUR INTENT TO

AUTHORIZE ADVANCES EQUAL TO 60 DAY REQUIREMENTS. WE WERE
CONCERNED RE SCHEDULED TIMING OF REFUNDS IF ANY ADVANCES
WERE OUTSTANDING THAT EXCEEDED THIS LIMIT. THE COM-
PREHENSIVE REPLY PROVIDED BY ICEM THROUGH THE MISSION HAS
SATISFIED US ACCOUNTS ARE NOW ON A CURRENT BASIS WITH
EXCEPTION OF POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT CHARGED
BY ICEM FOR OVERHEAD.

4. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE 600,000 DOLLARS (195/61143
MONIES) REFERRED TO IN CARLIN/DONNELLY LETTER OF JANUARY
15, 1976 IS FULLY UTILIZED FOR TRANSPORTATION CHARGES FOR
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1975 AND ICEM SERVICES FOR DECEMBER
1975 AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN CARRY-FORWARD TO 1976
REFERRED TO BY MISSION IN REFTEL (B). KISSINGER

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